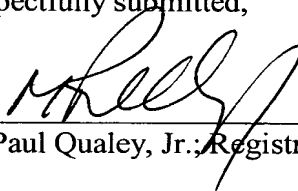


### **REMARKS**

Upon entry of the amendments herein, claims 1 – 3, 7 – 19 and 22 - 27 remain pending in the application. In particular, Applicants have canceled claims 4 – 6 and 20 - 21.

Applicants believe that the amendments add no new matter to the application. Applicants respectfully assert that the amended claims clearly and patentably define over the references discovered in the pre-examination search. Accordingly, favorable consideration and allowance of the present application are hereby courteously requested. In this regard, a telephonic conference to expedite the examination of this matter is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to call, at his/her earliest convenience, the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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